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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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SUBJECT: STATE-COMMERCE EVALUATION OF THE COMMERCIAL
FUNCTION

REF: (A) ATHENS 8032, JIDDA 5461

1. TEAM ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE INVITATION TO ATTEND
THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL FAIR, RETURNING TO ATHENS ON
THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 7.

2. IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR TIME TO INTERVIEW LOCAL BUSINESS-
MEN AND EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL PERSONNEL IN ATHENS,
AND TO AVOID ARRIVING IN JIDDA DURING THE MUSLIM WEEKEND,
TEAM'S ITINERARY IS CHANGED AS FOLLOWS: (ATHENS ARRIVAL
IS UNCHANGED)

ARR. ATHENS 1350 SEPTEMBER 4 LO 423

DEP. ATHENS 2200 SEPTEMBER 9 LUFTHANSA 604

ARR. JIDDA 0120 SEPTEMBER 10

DEP. JIDDA 1235 SEPTEMBER 13 BOAC 317

REGRET LATE ARRIVAL IN JIDDA, HOWEVER, NO FLIGHTS AVAILABLE
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BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 9 AND SEPTEMBER 12. PLEASE ARRANGE

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS TO ACCOMMODATE THIS ITINERARY.

3. ATHENS: TEAM WILL WANT TO SPEND AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF ITS TIME WITH EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL PERSONNEL. PLEASE SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSMEN FOR SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9 WITH THIS DESIRE IN MIND. OUR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT FORTY-FIVE (45) MINUTES IS USUALLY SUFFICIENT WITH EACH PERSON.

4. JIDDA: TEAM CONCURS WITH SUGGESTED INTERVIEW APPOINTMENTS. OUR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT FORTY-FIVE (45) MINUTES IS SUFFICIENT WITH EACH PERSON. TEAM WILL WANT TO SPEND FIFTY PERCENT OF THE TIME WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION. PLEASE SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS ACCORDINGLY. IF INSUFFICIENT TIME AVAILABLE TO SEE ALL SUGGESTED INTERVIEWEES, PLEASE SELECT THOSE YOU FEEL WOULD BE OF GREATEST BENEFIT TO THE EVALUATION. KISSINGER

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